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SCHEDULE )

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Examiner: Spittle, Matthew D.  
Art Unit: 2111

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.132

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Dear Sir:

I, Darren L. Abramson, hereby declare that:

1. I am a citizen of the United States of America.
2. I currently reside at 1301 Fogerty Court, Folsom, CA 95630.
3. I am currently an employee of Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California.
4. I have been employed by Intel Corporation since July 8, 1991.
5. My position at Intel Corporation is Principal Architect.
6. I am a co-inventor of the above-identified patent application.
7. I have assigned my rights to the above-identified patent application to Intel

Corporation.

8. I have reviewed the "Enhanced Host Controller Interface Specification for Universal Serial Bus", revision 0.95, dated November 10, 2000 from Intel Corporation of Santa Clara, California ("EHCI Specification"). The Examiner has cited § 4.8.2, page 68-70 of the EHCI Specification against the claims of the above-identified application.

9. The EHCI Specification lists eleven (11) individuals as significant contributors, or co-authors, of the EHCI Specification. A copy of the EHCI Specification listing the eleven (11) co-authors is filed herewith.

10. The EHCI Specification lists me, Darren L. Abramson, as well as my co-inventor, John S. Howard, as co-authors of the EHCI Specification. The EHCI Specification includes subject matter that was prepared based upon co-inventor John S. Howard and my own original work. The subject matter described in § 4.8.2 of the EHCI Specification was entirely conceived by myself and John S. Howard. The other authors of the EHCI Specification did no more than review and provide comment on this section of the document.

11. The inventorship of the instant application is correct in that § 4.8.2 of the EHCI Specification discloses subject matter that was conceived by Darren L. Abramson and John S. Howard, the Applicants of the instant application, rather than the other named authors of the EHCI Specification, notwithstanding the authorship of the EHCI Specification. The contribution of the nine other named authors to the EHCI Specification, other than the comment and feedback on § 4.8.2 discussed above, was limited to subject matter that is not claimed in the above identified application.

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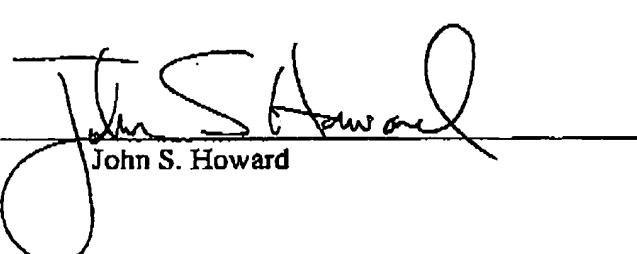
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